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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Elizabeth King, et al. :

APPLICATION NO.: 09/425,622 : Examiner: J. Spear

FILING DATE: October 22, 1999 : Group Art Unit: 1615

TITLE: Controlled-Release Pharmaceutical Formulations :

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on January 14, 2004, and having an original period for response of 3 months, which expired on April 14, 2004, be extended by 1 month(s), such that it expires on May 14, 2004.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$110.00, as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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